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INDEPENDENCE MAN SENTENCED FOR METH CONSPIRACY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that an Independence, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for his role in a conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine.

Matthew Burris, 25, of Independence, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Ortrie D. Smith this morning to five years in federal prison without parole.

On June 17, 2005, **Burris** pleaded guilty to participating in a conspiracy to distribute five grams or more of methamphetamine between March 1, 2003, and June 25, 2003.

Burris is the third and final defendant sentenced on charges contained in an Oct. 29, 2004, federal indictment.

* **Nancy Rainey**, 43, of Independence, was sentenced on Nov. 16, 2005, to five years in federal prison without parole. **Rainey** pleaded guilty on June 20, 2005, to participating in the conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine.

* **William E. Kramme**, 43, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced on Aug. 30, 2005, to three years and one month in federal prison without parole. On May 12, 2005, **Kramme** pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting others in the distribution of five grams or more of actual methamphetamine on June 17, 2003.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David DeTar Newbert. It was investigated by the Jackson County Drug Task Force.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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